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Applicants: Pacifico et al.

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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Sir:

On February 9, 2004, the Applicants filed an Amendment in response to a August 8, 2003 Office Action, along with a Notice of Appeal, for the above-identified application. Applicants had included a \$640 check for fees. Of that amount, \$165.00 was for a fee for the Notice of Appeal. Since the **Office Action was non-final**, the **Notice of Appeal was premature**, i.e. filed in error.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Appeal be withdrawn.

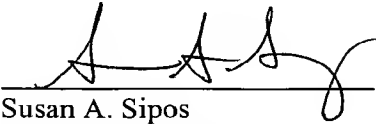
The Notice of Appeal included a petition for a three-month extension of time.

Applicants request that the petition for the extension of time remain in effect.

Applicants have requested that the fee of \$165.00 for the Notice of Appeal please be refunded by crediting their Deposit Account No. 08-2461. This request for refund is made within two months of the date on which the check was sent.

Applicants apologize for any inconvenience and thank the Examiner for his assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan A. Sipos', is written over a horizontal line.

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